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Application No. : **2,334,401**
Owner : **ITW MIMA FILMS LLC**
Title : **STRETCH WRAP FILM**
Classification : **B29C-55/06**
Your File No. : **12311**
Examiner : **Patrick Cyr**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 30(2) OF THE PATENT RULES, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REQUISITION BY THE EXAMINER. IN ORDER TO AVOID ABANDONMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH 73(1)(A) OF THE PATENT ACT, A WRITTEN REPLY MUST BE RECEIVED WITHIN 6 MONTHS AFTER THE ABOVE DATE.

This application has been examined as originally filed.

The number of claims in this application is 14.

A search of the prior art has revealed the following:

Reference Applied:

United States Patent

3 076 232

February 5, 1963

Dengler

Dengler discloses a method for producing polyethylene films; more particularly, polyethylene films suitable for the preparation of packaging materials.

The examiner has identified the following defects in the application:

Claims 1 to 14 do not comply with Paragraph 28.2(1)(b) of the Patent Act. Dengler disclosed the claimed subject matter before the claim date.

Dengler teaches a method of making a plastics stretch film comprising the steps of: taking a cast of blown film of LLDPE, causing both plastic and elastic deformation of the film by stretching it in two successive stretching steps, relaxing the stretched film, and winding the relaxed film into a roll (column 5, lines 20-45; and column 3, lines 20-21).

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Claims 1, 3 and 10 do not comply with Subsection 27(4) of the Patent Act. The inclusion of "substantially" causes a lack of clarity.

Claim 8 is indefinite and does not comply with Subsection 27(4) of the Patent Act. The term "said stretched" (claim 8, line 20) has no antecedent.

This application is not in a form which allows a proper assessment of patentability, and applicant's attention is directed to Section 80 of the Patent Rules, which sets out the format to follow when preparing a patent application. Applicant is requisitioned to amend the application and to indicate the title of each section within the description; for instance "Brief Description of the Drawings", etc.

Under Subsection 81(3) of the Patent Rules, applicant must fully identify the document referred to on page 1, line 17. A document so referred to should be identified at least by country, number and date for a published patent document, or by title, author, date, and source for non-patent documents.

In view of the foregoing defects, the applicant is requisitioned to amend the application in order to comply with the Patent Act and the Patent Rules or to provide arguments as to why the application does comply.

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